



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5863**
Takashi TSUJIMOTO et al. : Docket No. 2003_1244
Serial No. 10/649,764 : Group Art Unit 3682
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TAPERED ROLLER BEARINGS AND
GEAR SHAFT SUPPORT DEVICES

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In view of the followings remarks, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of May 20, 2005 is respectfully requested.

As a result of the Amendment filed March 7, 2005, claims 21-30 were pending and examined in the outstanding Office Action. In this regard, the Examiner rejected claims 21, 22, 25-27, and 30 as being anticipated by the Yasui reference (USP 4,523,862); and rejected claims 23, 24, 28, and 29 as being unpatentable over the Yasui reference in view Official Notice of "common knowledge in the art." However, these rejections are respectfully traversed. For the reasons discussed below, it is submitted that claims 21-30 are clearly patentable over the prior art of record.

As previously explained in the remarks submitted with the Amendment filed March 7, 2005, independent claims 21 and 26 both recite a roller bearing having an outer ring, and inner ring having a large rib surface, and a plurality of tapered rollers. The large rib surface of the inner ring has a conical surface for contacting large end faces of the tapered rollers, and a *flank*